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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97**

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document B1 relates to a tele-banking system that records conversation between an operator and a user along with synthesized speech information for carrying out transactions for the user.

Document B2 relates to a transaction data transmitter for an automatic account settlement system used over a telephone network, which combines retrieved transaction data with audio signals, which are then output to a calling party via the telephone network.

Document B3 describes the use of keywords by automatic vocalization from the system side and recognizing vocalizations repeated by the user. See page 22 of that document, for example.

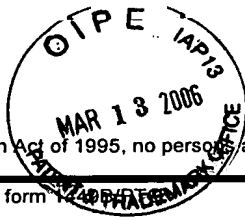
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Respectfully submitted,

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